

TO ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETIES
AND THE FRIENDS OF EMANCIPATION IN
MASSACHUSETTS.

In consequence of the peculiar state of the anti-slavery cause in this Commonwealth, at the present time, (growing out of the unhappy division which has lately been witnessed in the abolition ranks,)—by the advice of many friends, in whose judgment we place much confidence—and for the purpose of supplying with a cheap paper, those who feel unable to take the *Liberator*, as well as anti-slavery societies, which may wish to obtain copies of such a publication for gratuitous distribution—we have issued, without delay, a weekly journal, to be called "THE CRADLE OF LIBERTY," and devoted exclusively to the subject of slavery. It will be printed on a sheet half the size of the *Liberator*, the matter to be made up of the best anti-slavery articles contained in this paper, and afforded at the low rate of *seventy-five cents* per annum—or two copies for \$1.—payment to be made in advance, in all cases.

We deem the spirit which actuates the present organization of the Massachusetts Society, as the real and highest standard of abolition. We would not see it changed. One reason, therefore, which induces us to put forth this little sheet, is the belief that a new organization is intended at no distant day, through the instrumentality of a rival publication recently started in this city, and by that spirit of sectarianism which in its nature ever hostile to the genius of liberty. We shall continue, of course, to advocate the immediate abolition of slavery, and urge upon all in official positions, or who view it to be their duty to go to the pole, or who are connected with any church or religious denomination, to wield whatever influence they possess, for the deliverance of the oppressed—to shake off all party trammels, and sacrifice all selfish and sectarian feelings upon the altar of humanity: We shall have but one object—THE SLAVE—and hope, by Heaven's strength, while engaged in its advocacy, to disregard and tread under foot every prejudice, party, creed, sect, profession, caste, law or custom, that shall stand in the way of its accomplishment.

☐ The approaching quarterly meeting of the State Society will furnish a good opportunity for individuals and A. S. Societies to send in orders for the *CRADLE OF LIBERTY*.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE STATE SOCIETY.

It will be perceived by a notice in another column, that the next quarterly meeting of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society is to be held in this city on the 26th inst. In consequence of the unexpected and extraordinary course of the Executive Committee at New York, in abruptly setting aside the arrangement entered into ten months ago with the State Society, the Board have felt constrained, by a sense of duty, to issue a special call to the Abolitionists of the Commonwealth, urging their attendance upon this meeting, in order that, after mutual consultation, and a full and free discussion of the whole question, they may determine what course should be so important and interesting a crisis. We trust that their call will be responded to by all who feel any interest in the question. It is, however, may be their opinions in relation to the action of the Committee or of the Board. Let there be a full and free expression of the sentiments of the abolitionists of the Commonwealth, without any distinction of sect or party, that the Board may know whether their course is condemned or approved by those who have placed them as sentinels on the watch-tower of our holy cause. Meetings should be immediately called, and delegates appointed in the several towns, and all other necessary steps taken to secure a full representation from all parts of the Commonwealth.

FREE DISCUSSION. We have received from Amos A. Phelps a communication, which would occupy six or seven columns of our paper, reviewing the recent address of the Board of Managers of the Massachusetts A. S. Society, on the subject of the difficulties between said Board and the Executive Committee of the Parent Society. The communication is not in the form of a protest against the doings of the State Board, designed to relieve its author from responsibility as a member of that body, but it is in fact an extended argument against the course of the Board, and in favor of that of the Committee at New York. We decline to publish it for the following reasons:

1. The parties to the controversy are the *Board of Managers of the State Society and the Executive Committee at New York*, both which are abundantly capable of managing their own cause. We have published the address of the Board, and shall cheerfully publish the reply of the Executive Committee whenever it may be sent to us; but we are under no obligation to open our columns to any individual, or body of individuals, except the parties themselves, who are entitled to equal and exact justice at our hands. The only circumstance which can give Bro. Phelps any special claim to a hearing is the fact, that he is a member of the Board; but as he has already relieved himself of all personal responsibility in the case, by stating that he does not approve the course which the Board has seen fit to take, we see not why we should be required to admit him to our columns as a champion of one of the parties.
2. The extreme length of Bro. Phelps' article, the crowded state of our columns, and an anxious desire to curtail, so far as justice to both parties will allow, a controversy of so unpleasant a character, constitute another reason in favor of our decline. It seems not a little extraordinary to us, that while the Address of the Board has been carefully examined and the new paper, one of its prominent managers should expect us to publish an article from his pen more than twice as long as that address, and that, too, before the Executive Committee at New York the party concerned, has seen fit to make any reply! Our readers would have just cause to complain, if, at the present stage of the controversy, we should open our columns, indiscriminately, to what individuals on either side might wish to say, and to open them to brother Phelps, to the exclusion of others, would be neither courteous nor just.
3. The approaching quarterly meeting of the State Society will furnish not only Bro. Phelps, but all others who desire it, ample opportunity for the expression of their views, and thus render it unnecessary for us to fill our columns with an extended discussion, to the exclusion of much important matter.

NOTICE. Mr. John S. Hall is duly authorized to act as travelling agent to procure subscriptions to the *Liberator*. He is commended to the hospitality and assistance of the friends of the paper.

☐ About twenty thousand persons have petitioned the Legislature, on the subject of slavery, this session.

ABOLITION CONVENTION—FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

A Convention of the Abolitionists of the Fourth Congressional District, will be held at the *Midway Hotel*, in Concord, on *Wednesday, 20th inst. at 10 o'clock, A. M.*

The several Abolition Societies in the District are requested to send *full delegations*, and where there is no society in a town, let the abolitionists *resolve themselves* into a delegation and come.

As important matters, in reference to the pending election in the District, will come before the meeting, it is desirable that *every town be represented*.

A. FARNSWORTH, Committee appointed to call the Convention.

March 12th, 1839.

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